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Also enclosed is a copy of a Partial International Search Report for related PCT Application No. PCT/CA03/01500.

Applicants also note the following pending U.S. Patent Applications:

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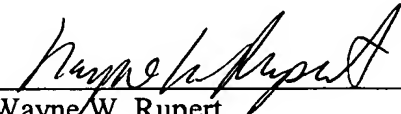
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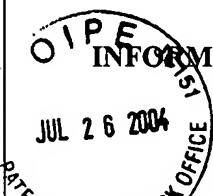
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